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CEJ HANDS OVER WATER FACILITY TO FORESTRY DEPARTMENT IN SERENJE TO SUPPORT 20,000 SEEDLING PRODUCTION

The Centre for Environment Justice (CEJ) has handed over a water facility to the Forestry Department in Serenje to help raise 20,000 assorted seedlings.

CEJ Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist Haggai Nyambe indicated that Serenje has become a key area for the Centre's projects, with three initiatives already running and a fourth expected this year.

Mr Nyambe explained that the original plan was to build a nursery shade, but after consultations, the Forestry Department requested support for a water facility instead.

The CEJ Official noted that this support was made possible through funding from Bread for the World and emphasized ongoing collaboration with the Forestry Department and district administration to promote reforestation and greening efforts.

And Serenje District Commissioner Paul Masuwa said the handover of the water tank marked a milestone in efforts to protect the environment.

He pointed out that the initiative would enhance the Forestry Department's capacity to nurture and sustain trees planted as part of afforestation projects.

Serenje District Forestry Officer Shadrack Sapwa said that the office had been without water for over a year due to equipment challenges and theft of solar panels.

Mr Sapwa said the new water facility would enable it to meet and possibly exceed the target of raising 20,000 seedlings, which would be distributed to institutions such as schools and hospitals.

Earlier, Serenje District Council Director of Planning Mwamba Mukupa stated that the local authority was pleased with the initiative, noting that a steady water supply would ensure the success of tree planting efforts.

Ms Mwamba expressed hope for continued partnership with CEJ and the Forestry Department to further environmental initiatives in the District.

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